



AUCKLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL

BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE



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WELCOME

Auckland Grammar School holds the key to unlocking academic, sporting and cultural potential.

A long, rich history of student successes, combined with our belief in the value of tradition, makes Auckland Grammar School a leader in boys' education.

Auckland Grammar School unleashes the potential within students and we have been doing so since our foundation in 1869. Our state school standing belies the prestigious nature of our students' achievements in academia, sporting and cultural endeavours.

Auckland Grammar School celebrates success, integrity, ability and humility. We promote healthy competition in order to build a strong work ethic.

Situated in beautiful Auckland city, within close proximity to the commercial centre of New Zealand's largest city, yet nestled amongst the natural beauty New Zealand is famous for, Auckland Grammar School students are surrounded by inspiration.

Our school is part of an enthusiastic and inclusive community that values the benefits of a great education, as a way of building a better future for us all.

Auckland Grammar School prepares boys to become the great men of tomorrow.

The School motto is 'Per Angusta Ad Augusta' which means through difficulties to greatness.





EXPECT THE BEST

**Expect the best from Auckland Grammar School, the very best for boys.
Our vision is to achieve “pre-eminence in boys’ secondary education”.**

The Auckland Grammar School difference starts with the history of the school. The heart of our school was constructed in 1916 in the Spanish Mission style. It is one of Auckland’s finest historic buildings, making Auckland Grammar School a landmark of excellence in a city of opportunity, inclusion and tolerance.

Sporting achievements and academic excellence go hand in hand at Auckland Grammar School.

The School is located in a highly desirable part of Auckland city, stretching over 16 hectares, we boast state of the art education and sporting facilities.

Our students take advantage of our well-appointed auditorium, three sports pavilions, heated outdoor pool, squash courts, six fields in total for rugby, soccer and cricket, plus a well-resourced music suite, library, information centre, technology block and the essential IT laboratories.

Outside the school gates, the Auckland region beckons with green parks, fresh air and great east and west coast beaches. The city is clean and inviting and the mix of 185 ethnicities is a model for harmony.

“Auckland Grammar School continues to provide high-quality educational outcomes for boys. International students are fully integrated into school life and many achieve very high levels of academic success.”

- Education Review Office (ERO) 2022 Report



School Assembly is held daily in the Great Hall with all 2600 students. Assembly connects our students together giving them a sense of pride and belonging. It is a time of celebration and recognition providing students with aspiration for achieving their own personal goals.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS AT A GLANCE



One of the top three schools in the elite New Zealand Scholarship exams each year.



Pass rate of 100% in Cambridge International A-Level exams.



University Entrance pass rates top 90% over last 17 years.



Entrants in top 1% of other international exams.



Our students regularly compete in international academic competitions.





WORLD CLASS EDUCATION

Research shows that a single-sex environment is a significant factor in establishing a school culture and raising educational achievement levels and overall student confidence.

GREAT TEACHERS

Our teachers are passionate experts of their subject. They inspire and encourage intellectual and personal aspirations, providing a complete set of tools to help boys attain all-round excellence.

CLASS STRUCTURE

On enrolment all students are tested and placed in classes targeted to their ability, needs and aspirations. This enables tailored support and education leading to individual student achievement.

Our traditional approach to a robust education and curriculum has produced Rhodes scholars, Girdlers scholars, Fellows of the Royal Society of London and a Fields Medal winner, Professor Vaughan Jones.

DUAL QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

As New Zealand's leading academic secondary school for boys, we offer a dual qualification pathway with emphasis on national and international syllabi:

- The New Zealand National Certificate of Education Achievement (NCEA)
- The University of Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE)

In Year 12-13 students opt for either CAIE or NCEA dependent on their ability, learning and assessment preference.

60% of Auckland Grammar students study the CAIE curriculum. See page 25 for the subject overview by curriculum.

Universities around the world respect and recognise both qualifications for university entrance in the UK, USA, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Thailand, Singapore and more.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Auckland Grammar School values the diverse cultural contribution international students bring to the School community. International students represent approximately 5% of our annual school roll and come from 15+ countries.

ADMISSION & ENROLMENT

The International Department guides parents and students through the admission process and continually provides academic feedback throughout the duration of enrolment.

International student admission is based on:

- Academic records
- English proficiency
- Character and attitude

Please complete the Application for Enrolment form and provide supporting documentation via the website.

<https://www.ags.school.nz/at-grammar/international-students/enrolment-process/>

FEES INFORMATION

Refer to the website for details on all applicable fees for international students. <https://www.ags.school.nz/at-grammar/international-students/fees-and-refund-policy/>

ORIENTATION

A 3-day orientation programme is provided to new international students to prepare them for education at Auckland Grammar. There is opportunity to form lasting friendships, receive tips on how to be successful in New Zealand with a view to maximise a student's long-term learning and well-being in Auckland.

Parent information sessions are also held regularly throughout the year.

STUDENT WELFARE

Student well-being, happiness and academic progress are a priority, and students have regular meetings with the Dean and Welfare staff. The school operates a 24/7 emergency phone contact for students.

HOUSING

All housing is required to be checked and pre-approved, and on-going management and monitoring is undertaken to ensure high standards of student care and well-being are maintained.





PASTORAL CARE

Creating a positive and inclusive atmosphere for students is essential for a happy and successful school experience for everyone.

We recognise the unique needs of international students and provide additional support through the International Department. Our aim is to provide a 'home away from home', whereby staff guide and assist students during their transition to New Zealand life, culture and norms.

The Director of International oversees the welfare of international students to ensure alignment to the School's vision of pre-eminence and compliance to the New Zealand Code of Practice.

ENGLISH SUPPORT

The ESOL Department offers English Language as a subject choice at each year level to ensure students reach the English literacy requirements for university entrance.

In addition, we partner with other providers to offer a pre-entry English and Foundation pathway suitable for some international students.

CAREERS ADVICE

Auckland Grammar School regularly hosts university representatives, holds an annual careers fair, and provides assistance with overseas university scholarship applications.

Year 12-13 students have the opportunity to participate in the Overseas University Tour to identify which ivy-league university in the USA or UK they would like to enroll at through this first-hand campus experience.

ACADEMIC PROGRESS & PEER TUTORS

The Dean of International Students has a key role in supporting international students towards their academic goals and monitoring their performance. Peer and subject tutors are available on request.

BUDDY NETWORK

As part of the School's internationalisation objectives the Headmaster's International Committee is a student-led group, which aims to help international students by providing big brother support including fun social events.

GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING

When students are struggling with school or general life, they are able to meet with the School counselling staff to help them find a solution to the problem and identify suitable coping strategies to minimise difficulties.





ALL-ROUND EXCELLENCE

New Zealand offers an environment that is ideal for growing boys. We believe that tomorrow's well-rounded individuals will understand life's balancing act and be able to contribute positively to society and be responsible citizens.



- Auckland Grammar School promotes all-round excellence in academic, sporting and cultural pursuits, encouraging each student to recognise and develop his individual potential and gain pride and satisfaction by setting demanding personal goals and striving to attain them.
- The School encourages participation in sport and other extra-curricular activities, as a way to promote teamwork, leadership and pride of performance.
- Cultural activities provide students with a window into the world of music, drama, debating and world cultures. From a symphony orchestra to a senior film society.
- Outdoor education activities such as the school camp are built into our curriculum.
- International students benefit from their involvement in school activities as a means of making friendships, improving English communication skills, and enjoying life in New Zealand.
- Many of the best American universities seek students who are well-rounded and have contributed to the school and community through volunteering.
- Auckland Grammar School provides students with the environment, tools, network and opportunity to reach their full potential.



LEADER DEVELOPMENT

Over the last decade an obvious international shift has been occurring whereby top executives have realised that in order to maintain a competitive advantage they must invest in recruiting and developing individuals who excel at creating cohesive teams out of people who possess diverse skills and experiences.

The ethos behind the Auckland Grammar School Leadership Programmes is to develop young men of strong character who possess the following qualities:

Confidence – a desire to be excellent, high sense of self-worth, calm in the presence of pressure

Articulate – strong communicators understand and possess emotional intelligence

Visionary – purpose-driven, energetic, outwardly service-focused

Integrity – illustrate fortitude, accountability

Loyal – present and valuable within the team, family and society

HEADMASTER'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Year 13 students are able to apply to become committee leaders to deliver a buddy-network programme for new international students, and to broadly promote intercultural communication and connections within the School.





UNIVERSITY ADMISSION

Auckland Grammar students are inspired by the success of their peers and those who have graduated before them.

Grammar provides young men with the best education possible and this advantages students who are seeking admission to the best universities worldwide.

The academic record of Auckland Grammar students is impressive:

- 100% pass rate for CAIE Exams
- 90%+ university entrance

UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

Our graduating students are highly sought-after and receive scholarships to attend university in New Zealand and abroad. In the past 5 years, Auckland Grammar students have been accepted for undergraduate and graduate places at the best universities in the world, as tabled:

UK	Oxford University, Imperial College, Cambridge, London University, Manchester University
USA	Harvard University, Yale University, Pennsylvania University, Princeton University, Brown University, Julliard University, Buckley University, New York University, Georgetown University, North-western University, Utah University, Boston University, Johns-Hopkins University, Virginia University, Michigan University, Colorado University, Houston University, Portland University
Australia	Sydney University, Monash University, Melbourne University, Griffith University
New Zealand	University of Auckland, University of Otago, Victoria University of Wellington
Asia	Singapore National University, Waseda University, Seoul University, Yonsei University





OLD BOYS

Our alumni are influential and provide ongoing support and endowment to benefit current students.

Many of Auckland Grammar's alumni have gone on to become leaders in their chosen field on the world stage.

The School is particularly proud of such Old Boys as Sir Edmund Hillary, Sir Graeme Liggins, Professor Sir Peter Gluckman, Russell Crowe, Sir Colin Maiden, Doug Howlett, Hamish Carter, Martin Crowe and Professor Vaughan Jones.

Old Boys remain connected to the School, both locally and internationally, through the Old Boys' Association. As well as attending school events and sporting fixtures many Old Boys continue to support the School through volunteer support and endowment.



SPORTS ENVIRONMENT

There are many sports and activities to participate in from social grades to high performance teams.

The traditional sports are Rugby, Soccer, Hockey, Cricket, Athletics and Tennis, though in recent years Cycling, Basketball, Badminton, Waterpolo, Weightlifting, Cross Country and Multisport events have all emerged as strong codes as well.

SPORTING SUCCESS

In the past ten years Auckland Grammar School teams have been New Zealand Champions in 1st XV Rugby, Soccer, Hockey, Cycling, Wrestling, Weightlifting, Rowing, Tennis, Orienteering, Yachting, Chess, Golf, Table Tennis and Touch Rugby.

This success over the years can be attributed to the dedication of a large number of competent and highly motivated staff and coaches, excellent facilities and the sportsmen themselves.

OLD BOYS ON THE WORLD STAGE

In 2004 Hamish Carter was our first Old Boy to win a Gold Medal at the Olympics. At the 2016 Rio Olympics, 8 Old Boys represented New Zealand in weightlifting, cycling, rowing, hockey, and rugby.

The School has 53 All Black alumni, including Reiko Ioane who became the eighth youngest All Blacks Test debutant at age 19 years in 2016.

FACILITIES

Auckland Grammar School has 16-hectares of school grounds and the sports fields and facilities include 3 full-sized rugby fields, 3 football fields, all-weather basketball courts and hockey surface, 2 cricket wickets, 4 tennis courts, heated (water polo-sized) swimming pool, weights room, 2 squash courts, and 2 well-equipped indoor gymnasiums.

In New Zealand, sports are organised by seasons, for example tennis and swimming are summer sports played in Term 1, and rugby, football and hockey are winter sports played in Term 2 and 3.

Archery T1-T4	Mountain Biking T1-T4
Athletics T1 & T4	Orienteering T1 & T4
Badminton T1-T3	Rowing T4-T1
Basketball T2-T3	Rugby T2-T3
Bridge T1-T4	Skiing T3
Chess T1-T4	Snow Boarding T2-T3
Cricket T1 & T4	Softball T1 & T4
Cycling T2-T3	Squash T2-T3
Disc Ultimate T1-T4	Swimming T1-T4
Distance Squad T1-T4	Table Tennis T1-T3
Fencing T1-T3	Tennis T1
Football T2-T3	Touch Rugby T1 & T4
Golf T1 & T4	Volleyball T1, T3-T4
Hockey T2-T3	Waterpolo T1
Lawn Bowls T1-T3	Weightlifting T1-T4
Kendo T1 - T4	Yachting T1





ARTS, MUSIC AND CULTURE

CULTURAL GROUPS

- Maori Kapa Haka
- Pacific Island
- Sri Lankan
- Asian
- Korean

DRAMA PRODUCTIONS

- Annual joint School Production with Epsom Girls Grammar School, and a Senior Production by Year 13 boys and girls.
- Chinese Extravaganza
- Culture Night

THEATRE SPORTS

SENIOR FILM SOCIETY

INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

CHESS

DEBATING

School teams compete in local competitions, in addition to form and inter-form competitions.

ELECTRONICS/ROBOTICS

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Auckland Grammar School's Music Department offers a variety of performance music opportunities and a full range of instrumental tuition:

- Stage Band
- Grammar Virtuosi
- Jazz Groups
- Grammar Voices
- Symphony Orchestra
- Concert Band
- Chamber Ensembles
- Pipe Band
- Percussion Groups
- Barbershop Quartet

TRADITIONAL MUSIC FIXTURES

- Minister's Plate
- Winter Concerts
- Performance Day
- The University of Auckland Graduation Parades
- Music Competitions
- Battle of the Bands
- Stage Band Concert







NEW ZEALAND EDUCATION

Our academic standards are internationally respected and recognised

STUDY IN NEW ZEALAND FOR A HIGHQUALITY EDUCATION AND WORLD-CLASS QUALIFICATIONS.

The New Zealand government has strong quality assurance systems to ensure successful learner outcomes at all levels of the education system, both public and private.

New Zealand Scholarship exams are held in addition to CAIE and NCEA, and provides academic recognition to top students in their last year of schooling.

TYPICAL SCHOOL STRUCTURE

The School year runs from late January until early December. The academic year is divided up into four terms, Term 1 (12 weeks), Term 2 (10 weeks), Term 3 (10 weeks), Term 4 (8 weeks),

There is a break of two weeks between terms, which gives International Students the opportunity to travel to other parts of New Zealand. The school day is 9:00am to 3:15pm, Monday to Friday, with extra-curricular activities and training before or after school.

WE LOOK AFTER STUDENTS

New Zealand cares about the wellbeing of international students. The Ministry of Education's Code of Practice sets out the high standards of care and responsibility for hosting International Students in our country.

CODE OF PRACTICE

Auckland Grammar School is bound by the Tertiary and International Learners Code of Practice. Copies of the Code are available from the New Zealand Qualifications Authority. <https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/tertiary/the-code/>

STUDENT VISAS

Full details of immigration requirements can be viewed at www.immigration.govt.nz

ELIGIBILITY FOR HEALTH SERVICES

Most international students are not entitled to publicly funded health services while in New Zealand. If you receive medical treatment during your visit, you may be liable for the full costs of that treatment. Full details on entitlements to publicly funded health services are available through the Ministry of Health, and can be viewed on their website at www.moh.govt.nz

ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Accident Compensation Corporation provides accident insurance for all New Zealand citizens, residents, and temporary visitors to New Zealand, but you may still be liable for all other medical and related costs. Further information can be viewed on the ACC website at www.acc.co.nz

MEDICAL AND TRAVEL INSURANCE

International students must have appropriate and current medical and travel insurance while enrolled at a New Zealand school.





AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

Welcome (Kia Ora) to Auckland City, the gateway city to New Zealand.

Auckland is an attractive study destination for around 40,000 international students who enjoy the clean, friendly and welcoming multicultural city environment.

Built on a narrow isthmus between two picturesque harbours, Auckland is renowned for its beauty, with 100km of coastline, safe swimming and surfing beaches, 23 regional parks, 2 marine reserves and a landscape dotted with 48 dormant volcanic cones.

With sparkling harbours surrounding the region, it's no wonder Aucklanders boast the largest boat ownership per capita in the world - that's why it's called "The City of Sails".

Auckland Grammar School is located in the central part of Auckland city at Epsom and situated on the northern slopes of Mt Eden.

Conveniently within 10 minutes' walk of the Newmarket shopping district, the Auckland Domain and Auckland Hospital. The University of Auckland and the city centre is only 3kms away.

Auckland is New Zealand's centre of commerce and industry, and is a vibrant, bustling and multi-cultural city, where people from around 185 ethnic groups make home.

As New Zealand's largest city, there are almost 400,000 people living within the city's boundary and 1.18 million in the greater Auckland area - that's about a third of the entire country's population.

Auckland's population is expected to grow by about 50% over the next 50 years. This provides an exciting opportunity for students seeking a long-term educational experience and perhaps a permanent future in New Zealand.





INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI

Our international student alumni gain admission to the best universities worldwide in the USA, UK, Australia and New Zealand.

Haowei (Harrison), Wang (7A)

Chinese
Oxford University, UK
- Biochemistry (molecular)

Hirota Matsui (7F1)

Japanese
Waseda University, JP
- Commerce

Viet Anh (John) Nguyen (7B)

Vietnamese
University of Otago, NZ
- Health Sciences (Nursing)

Kaiyuan Liu (7D)

Chinese
University of Melbourne, AUS
- Electronics Engineering

Ba Quang Huy (Matthew) Le (7C1)

Vietnamese
The University of Auckland, NZ
School of Business, Deans Award
- Full Scholarship

Byungseob (Paul) Kim (7E)

Korean
University of Auckland, NZ
Medical School

Hongkai Zhu (7E)

Chinese
University of Sydney, AUS
- Physics

Tongan Nathalang (7B)

Thai
Chulalong University, TH
- Robotic + AI

Donggue Lee (7A)

Korean
Seoul National University, KO
- Biotechnology

Yuki Yuminaga (7A)

Japanese
University of Chicago, USA
- Biochemistry and
Computational and Applied
Mathematics

Duc Viet Tran (7F)

Vietnamese
University of Auckland, NZ -
Engineering

Yangfangzheng Li (7C)

Chinese
Imperial College of London, UK
- Design Engineering

Genki Miyauchi (7A)

Japanese
Kings College London, UK
- Robotics

Macky Chiewvatsagonchai (7C1)

Thai
Massey University, NZ - Aviation
(Pilot)

Nhat Quang (Tim) Pham, (7B)

Vietnamese
University of Otago, NZ
- Health Sciences (Dentistry)

Shaoxin Mo (7A)

Chinese
Imperial College of London, UK
Electronics Engineering

Saula Mau (7G)

Tongan
New Zealand
- Rugby Union

Shunxing (Daniel) Shi (7C)

Chinese
University of Auckland, NZ -
Engineering





CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Secondary school in New Zealand begins at Year 9 and lasts for five years until Year 13. Students are typically aged 13 years to 18 years old.

International Students may commence enrolment at Auckland Grammar in Year 9 to Year 12. International students may start in Year 13 only if transferring from a suitable NZ school.

In Years 9 and 10 students follow a compulsory national curriculum. In Years 11 to 13 students have the ability to select their own subjects.

The senior subjects listed on the next page are offered conditional on sufficient student numbers.

Auckland Grammar School publishes the Course Handbook annually which details the current curriculum and subjects available. Please refer to the website <https://www.ags.school.nz/at-grammar/academia/>



SUBJECTS	YEAR 11		YEAR 12		YEAR 13		
	LEVEL 1 NCEA	PRE-Q	LEVEL 2 NCEA	AS	LEVEL 3 NCEA	AS	A2
Accounting		●	●	●	●	●	●
Biology		●	●	●	●	●	●
Business Studies	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Career Studies	●		●		●		
Chemistry		●	●	●	●	●	●
Classical Studies		●	●	●	●	●	●
Design			●	●	●	●	●
Digital Arts		●	●				
Earth and Space Science			●		●		
Economics	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Engineering		●	●				
English	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
ESOL (English Language)	●		●		●		
Fine Arts				●			
French	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Geography		●	●	●	●	●	●
Graphics/ Graphic Products		●		●	●	●	●
History		●	●	●	●	●	●
Humanities	●						
Industrial Design			●				●
Japanese	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Latin	●		●		●	●	
Mathematics	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

SUBJECTS	YEAR 11		YEAR 12		YEAR 13		
	LEVEL 1 NCEA	PRE-Q	LEVEL 2 NCEA	AS	LEVEL 3 NCEA	AS	A2
Media studies							●
Music	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Painting			●	●	●	●	●
Photography			●	●	●	●	●
Physical Education	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Physics		●	●	●	●	●	●
Science	●						
Science (Triple Science)		●					
Spanish		●	●	●	●	●	●
Statics					●		
Technology/ Product Design		●		●	●	●	●
Te Reo Māori	●		●		●		
Trade & Construction	●		●				
Visual Art	●	●			●		

KEY FOR CURRICULUM TABLE

- Subjects and Qualification available

Pre-Q means Pre-Qualification.

It is a Year 11 curriculum designed by Auckland Grammar School. Pre-Q enables students to be well prepared for either the CAIE or NCEA Level 2 coursework in Year 12.



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